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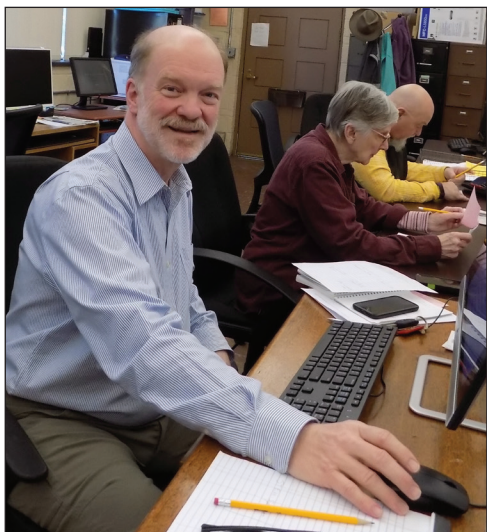


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## Breaking News

# Here Is My Story . . . . . . Now Tell Me Yours

by Gary Childs



Gary Childs in the News Review office

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

my garden. Imagine my surprise and delight to have been asked to become the new editor of the Greenbelt News Review. Though I am still writing and gardening, I have now joined this fantastic team that produces and publishes our local newspaper, as it has been published and produced every week without a break since November 1937.

The work I have done over my varied career has uniquely prepared me for this exciting role. I have been a youth social worker, Lutheran clergyman, pharmaceutical representative and a U.S. diplomat (Department of State Foreign Service). In those jobs I communicated using written and spoken word to many different audiences, edited my own and others' writing, and reported on topics and events that had been assigned to me. I love getting to know about the

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## “Know You’re Smart,” Speaker Emphasizes to GMS Students

by Caroline Hanks

“How many of you know you’re smart?” Dr. Velma Deleveaux, an engineer and principal at Booz Allen Hamilton, asked a roomful of Greenbelt Middle School students on Tuesday morning. “I should see every hand up.”

Deleveaux’s visit to the school is part of the USA Science and Engineering Festival’s efforts to inspire and spark student interest nationwide in the prevalent science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) issues of today’s world. This year’s festival will be at the D.C. Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8. The festival’s Nifty Fifty program sends more than 200 top scientists and engineers to schools across the country prior to the April event. Lockheed Martin, the advanced technology company, will host the event aimed at promoting careers in STEM.

Deleveaux has given many of these talks to a variety of age groups. Different audiences call for different talking points for Deleveaux; however, there are key themes she always relays to listeners. “Know you’re smart”

was the first. “Be persistent” was the second message. The last key to her own success, Deleveaux told the group, was to surround herself with people who are positive, to remove “negatives from my posse.”

Black Panther, the recent box-office hit, provided a look into the technology opportunities of the future (like kinetic energy suits) during Deleveaux’s talk. Deleveaux also used the movie to show that some of the seemingly futuristic gadgets are already present in today’s world, such as self-driving cars and maglev trains. When she asked her listeners to think about how they want to solve a major problem with technology, sixth grader Fiona Sorensen’s hand shot up in the air. Sorensen, whose favorite subjects in school include biology and earth science, shared her idea to help people with depression and anxiety live better lives. She already considers her ambitions for her future and how she can make a difference: she wants to head the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Other

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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Marchers, and the volunteers housing and helping them, meet and eat at the New Deal Café on Monday, February 26.

## DACA Marchers Eat and Stay In Greenbelt En Route to D.C.

by Jill Connor

Six Greenbelt families opened their homes to a total of 25 marchers on the Journey to Stay Home on their way to Washington, D.C. The group of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients, other undocumented immigrants and their supporters have been walking since they started in New York City on Thursday, February 15. The group has stayed in a variety of locations such as churches and community centers and spent Monday,

February 26 in Greenbelt homes. The walk culminated in front of the Supreme Court on March 1 with protests and demonstrations.

The location of Greenbelt for this respite was organized by a former Eleanor Roosevelt High School student, Sarah Gingold. Gingold, who currently lives in Arlington, found Greenbelt contacts from the Adelphi Friends Meeting through a cross-denominational group.

The marchers had a meal at

the New Deal Café, with Greenbelters donating their time, food and homes along with Silver Spring volunteers. A registered nurse was available to look at any injuries the marchers suffered before they departed for the homes where they would be staying.

The marchers had been in Greenbelt for only a few hours when they said they felt moved

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## Council Approves Sweeper Purchase, Seeks Bus Funds

by Kathleen Gallagher

Aside from decisions on whether to support four bills submitted in the Maryland General Assembly, which will be reported separately, the city council had a relatively short list of action items on its February 12 meeting agenda with a number of them to be carried over to the next regular meeting on February 26. There were no presentations at the meet-

ing, nor were there any requests or petitions from residents.

Items acted upon included approval to purchase a new street sweeper for the Four Cities Coalition, a review of a report from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board on potential impact to the Preserve by the proposed superconducting maglev train, writing a letter to be sent to County Councilmember Todd Turner regarding funding for a greatly needed new Greenbelt Connection bus, and reclassification of a position in the Greenbelt CARES program.

### City Legislation

Two resolutions appeared on the agenda. One, a revision to the city council’s own Standing Rules, was intended for second reading and adoption at tonight’s meeting. The revision had been discussed in December and had been introduced for first reading at the January 22 regular meeting.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, who was out of town for the first reading on January 22, objected to adoption of the document, saying he believed that on sev-

eral matters it did not reflect the consensus the council reached at the worksession. Although other councilmembers disagreed with his characterization of the document, council decided on a 4 to 3 vote to delay action until the next meeting and ask staff to research several matters and report back.

The other resolution, which was introduced for first reading, was for purchase of a design/build grid-tied photovoltaic system for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Greenbelt is a member of Smart Energy Communities program and, as such, has pledged to work toward a goal of providing 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2022.

City Public Works staff, together with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and its Solar Task Force, has been working toward bringing solar power to both the Recreation Center and the Public Works building. The city has now received a grant of \$58,500 from

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, March 3**  
7 p.m., Time Will Tell, Community Center (sold out)  
**Sunday, March 4**  
3 p.m., Time Will Tell, Community Center (sold out)  
**Monday, March 5**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession with NRP Group Proposal on Capital Office Park, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, March 7**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Development Proposal for Old Nursing Home, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## Not Elitist

One claim lodged against the proposed SCMaglev by opponents is that SCMaglev trains will be under-utilized and elitist (some have said). In the Dec. 7, 2017, article Meeting Focuses on Process For Defeating Maglev, our district state senator (Pinsky) contended: “Maglev would be expensive to ride and of no benefit to working people.” The Feb. 15 news article by Maria Herd, Citizens Protest Maglev in Annapolis Rally, quoted a Bowie resident attending the rally: “. . . it’s not even going to be used.”

I and other proponents of the Washington to Baltimore SCMaglev project disagree with these speculative and negative predictions.

Market research has shown that people want to use greener, quieter, safe, high-speed rail travel, particularly if the SCMaglev is built to NYC and perhaps to Boston. One can imagine any number of reasons for travel by SCMaglev. But the most important thing is that many activities would be attainable within one day, having a full 10 to 11 hours. Remember, the SCMaglev would get folks to NYC from Baltimore or Washington, D.C., in one hour (with a stop in Philadelphia), at costs comparable to Acela-Amtrak fares.

For example, one could get a SCMaglev train in DC at 7:45 or 8 a.m. and be in downtown NYC by 9 a.m., having all day to take in several museums, lunch, strolling parks, stores, galleries and taking in dinner or an early play; then get back to DC at 11 p.m. by taking the 9:45 or 10 p.m. train. A long, busy day for sure, but much more time actually spent in NYC.

Currently travel from Greenbelt to NYC by bus, plane, one’s own car or existing trains, can take anywhere from 3.5 to 5.5 hours each way (depending on traffic and weather) leaving only about this same amount of time in the city.

In a letter in last week’s paper, Paul Downs claimed that a number of states along the northeast corridor have blocked any future SCMaglev. Not true. The governors and legislators in

these states are on a wait and see policy. More than likely they will not make any decisions on either opposing or favoring the lengthening of this project until after the Washington to Baltimore section is given the green light to proceed or not. The eminent domain and right-of-way issues will be complex and an ongoing process.

Hopefully, the SCMaglev will be operational from Washington, D.C., to NYC by the mid to late 2030s. All will benefit by having more travel options available to them. All aboard for more choice.

Robert Snyder

## GHI Mini-blind Option

After reading the contract for doors as approved February 8, I noticed that an option of internal mini-blinds (blinds between the door glass) was available.

This option was not on the option list so I asked Joe Wiehagen, director of GHI’s Homes Improvement Program, and he indicated this option was available at an additional fee. Anyone interested can write it on the optional items list.

I know that some families may find the option is worth the additional cost, but are not aware that internal mini-blinds for doors is an option. I hope anyone interested will check with the GHI Homes Improvement Program and write in your wishes.

Ruth Haynes

## From the Pantry

Your generosity supports the mission of the Greenbelt Pantry. Special thanks to Father Tappe at St. Hugh’s Church Community; Councilmembers Judith Davis and Edward V.J. Putens; Henry Haslinger, Norris and Eleanor Robinson; Carolyn and Jay Karch; Shirley Donkes; all members of the Greenbriar Community; Caitlin McGrath and the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre; the Safeway management and the Boy Scouts of America under the leadership of Suzann Lomax; Neil Williamson; all the Co-op shoppers; Jordan Choper and the ever faithful Mishkan Torah congregation.

Hats off to the weekly pantry helpers: Mary Ann Tretler,

Barbara Hamilton, Helen White, Mame Elles, Agnes Dief, Joseph Parsonanican, Linda Kelley and Ann Marques. We have special foods and treats for the holiday as well as hygiene packs for all recipients. Have a swell spring and again many, many thanks.

Solange Hess  
Chair, The Pantry



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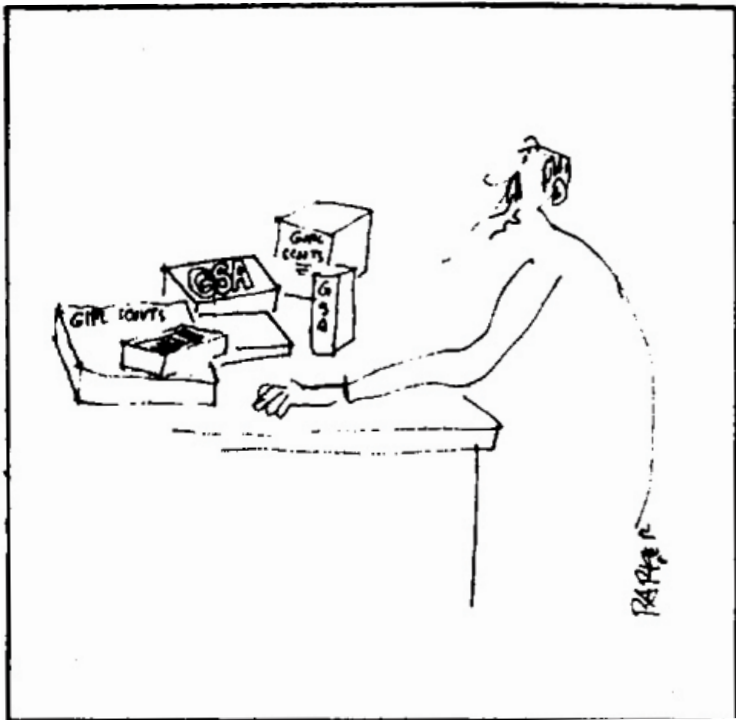
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## The Old Curmudgeon



"Sarah!... Did you break your New Year's resolution?"

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## On Screen

# Two Kinds of Torment: Separate But Unequal

Joining Phantom Thread at Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, March 2 are two new movies: I, Tonya and Loving Vincent.

I, Tonya is a mockumentary purporting to get the truth of Tonya Harding’s precipitous, and perhaps unfair, fall from grace after she was implicated in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan (Caitlin Carver), her uber-feminine, ice princess figure skating rival during the 1994 Winter Olympics. The first American woman to execute a triple axel (in 1991), the hardscrabble, weight lifting, fiercely competitive Harding (Margot Robbie) might not have known about the ill-planned attack.

Saddled with a violent, abusive husband Jeff Gillhooly (Sebastian Stan) and driven by her fanatical mom LaVon Fay Golden (Alison Janney), Harding might possibly be more sinned against than sinning. One critic calls I, Tonya “nuanced and bleakly funny.”

2 hours, R rated

Loving Vincent is the long, unusual biopic of Vincent van Gogh created by directors Dorota Kobiela and Hugh Welchman, who have commissioned scores of artists to bring van Gogh’s paintings to life. Their Loving Vincent is part police procedural (reconstructing van Gogh’s final weeks), part hypnotic, a loving animated homage to a tormented, suicidal genius. Robert Gilaczyk plays Vincent.

1 hour 34 minutes, PG-13

- Jim Link



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of March 5 is as follows:

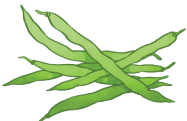
Monday, March 5: Beef hot dog, baked beans, mixed greens, wheat hot dog bun, ketchup and mustard, tropical fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, March 6: Cheese omelet with picante sauce, O’Brien potatoes, spinach, English muffin with jelly, diced peaches, grape juice.

Wednesday, March 7: Bruschetta beef, au gratin rotini, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, March 8: Creamy chicken tikka, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, na’an bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, March 9: Veggie burger, potato wedges, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, ketchup, orange juice.



## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Angel Street

The Greenbelt Arts Center will present Angel Street, written by Patrick Hamilton, throughout March. Better known in the U.S. as Gaslight, the play takes place in 1880 in an old Victorian house in London. Mr. Manningham is slowly trying to drive his wife insane (her mother died of insanity) by playing demonic tricks on her. One evening when Manningham is out, Inspector Rough calls and during the course of the evening convinces Mrs. Manningham that her husband murdered a woman in this house 15 years ago for her jewels, and that these jewels have never been found.

The title Gaslight derives from the telltale flickering of the gas lamps in the house. But the term ‘gaslighting’ has come to represent a form of emotional abuse by undermining victims’ confidence by calling their credibility and sanity into question.

The production will run on Friday and Saturday evenings March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees on March 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Buy tickets online at greenbelartscenter.org.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 1, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room, 6:30 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room; 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Sunday, March 4, 1 p.m., Homes Improvement Program Help Session, Board Room

Monday, March 5, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Executive Session-MCP #3, Board Room

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., Executive Session-MCP #3, Board Room; 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, GHI Kitchen; 7:30 p.m., Executive Session-MCP #3, Board Room.

Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., Zoning Re-write Task Force, Board Room

Friday, March 9, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

## Golden Age Club

by Mary Moien

A business meeting and induction of 2018 officers will be held on Wednesday, March 7. Bad weather postponed the inductions earlier this year.

On March 14 Vinay Satwah, D.O., Greenbelt cardiologist and internist as well as a specialist in vein issues, will give a presentation about varicose veins and related vein problems and solutions.

Potluck lunch day and March birthday celebrations will be held on March 21. Although it will be a few days late, bring something in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day also if possible.

On March 28 bring a gift for the bingo table.

All Greenbelt seniors are invited to join the Golden Age Club or attend as guests.

Meetings are every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the second floor meeting room at the Community Center.

## Next GCAN Meeting To Be Held in April

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meets the first Wednesday of each month, which means the group would normally meet on Wednesday, March 7. GCAN volunteers have decided to cancel the March meeting.

Volunteers have been very busy this month attending two city council meetings to seek support for several bills in Annapolis, attending a rally in Annapolis opposing the Potomac Pipeline in Western Maryland and attending two Lobby Nights regarding two bills about the RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standard). One bill supports an increase to 50 percent by 2030. The other bill supports an increase to 100 percent by 2035. The Greenbelt City Council came out in support of both bills.

The group is also asking City Council to support a state-wide ban on styrofoam. Prince George’s County already has a ban.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m., when GCAN will be back on schedule. Details for that meeting will be announced in a few weeks. For additional information about GCAN, contact Lore Rosenthal, program coordinator, at SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com or 301-345-2234.



## Golden Agers Plan Anniversary Lunch

The Golden Age Club will have its annual anniversary luncheon on Wednesday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn on Route 1 next to IKEA. The luncheon is for club members and their guests only. Food selection is salmon or turkey; dessert is fruit plate or apple pie. Contact Joan Baker at 301-345-2917 for more information, cost and to make reservations and meal selections.

## Art Drop-In, Musical Sunday, March 4

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with Artist-in-residence Gina Denn on Sunday, March 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. Participants will make attractive and useful no-sew, fabric-covered zipper pouches, using duct tape and other materials. Materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring any flat woven cotton fabric they may wish to use. No reservations are needed. The program is open to both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt.

Following the Art Drop-In, a matinee performance of the 2018 Greenbelt Youth Musical will take place at 3 p.m. Time Will Tell: Teens and Tunes in Tugwell Town celebrates Greenbelt’s 80th anniversary with a trip back to Greenbelt High School in 1937. This show is ticketed and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at the Community Center business office, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For phone orders or other assistance, call 301-397-2208 during business hours.



## Garden Club Plot Assignment Meeting

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting on March 8, in the Police Station Multipurpose Room. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691 for more information.



## Music Makers At the New Deal

Music Makers jam sessions at the New Deal Café will be held at a new time, Fridays from 2:30 to 4 p.m., beginning on March 2. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experience levels are welcome to participate. When attendees purchase food and drink, it’s a win-win for both music makers and the café.

## Computer Club

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to the discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic trouble shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

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Pauline Griller-Mitchell

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Mar 11 & 18 at 2pm

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission,  
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80th Anniversary

# Rare World War I Drama Was First Film Shown In Greenbelt

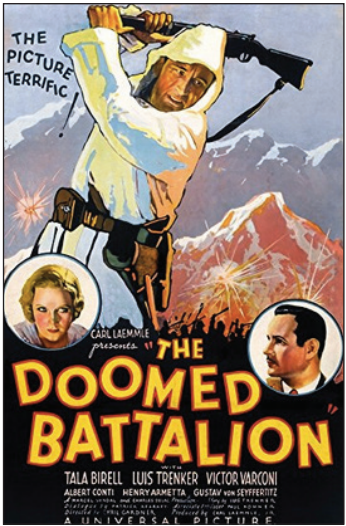
by Christopher Cherry

On Sunday, March 4 at 12:30 p.m., 80 years to the day after its premiere in Greenbelt, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will present The Doomed Battalion, a World War I drama set in Austria. This, the first movie actually shown in Greenbelt, was presented in the Community Center auditorium.

The 1932 film features breathtaking panoramic scenes of the Alpine battlefield between Italy and Austria. The suspenseful story concerns two friends on opposite sides of the conflict: an Austrian soldier, who is entrenched with his garrison on a mountaintop, and his Italian friend, whose squadron begins methodically planting tons of high explosives to dislodge the Austrians from the peak.

The film's world premiere took place in Washington at the Rialto Theatre, attended by seven members of the Cabinet, 20 senators and six ambassadors, including the ambassadors of Italy and Austria. The Washington Post called the occasion "one of the most notable first-nights ever recorded in the theatrical annals of the Capital."

When the film was announced as the first feature to be shown in Greenbelt, there was optimism that it might be shown in the town's new theater, which had not yet been released by the construction authorities for use by



THEATRICAL RELEASE POSTER

This was the first movie shown in Greenbelt in 1938.

the public. The Greenbelt Cooperator reported that a contingency plan had been prepared and the Men's Athletic Club of Greenbelt had "very kindly changed the date of its meeting," to free up the Community Center auditorium for the screening.

Admission in 1938 was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. In yet another historic first, the 2018 price is actually lower; thanks to sponsorship by Colorlab, admission is free.



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places I live. As I get to know Greenbelt I am fascinated by its unique background and ongoing contributions to the world and am glad to have become a Greenbelter myself.

Let me share a few personal notes. Family is important to me. I've got one married daughter, two married sons, three grandchildren and a wife of almost four decades. I'll be attending the University of Maryland's Master Gardener training this spring. I love reading, music and hiking. I'm a Robert Burns enthusiast and a member of the P.G. Wodehouse Society. I've memorized about 50 poems.

I am honored to be the editor of this venerable paper. Here are some of my goals.

First, I am committed to helping continue the 80-year tradition of excellence established by the News Review, a paper for, by and about Greenbelt.

Second, I intend to help this great paper meet the opportunities and challenges of 2018 and

beyond. I will build on our excellent past and help us move into the future.

Third, I want to make sure this paper is the paper for all of Greenbelt: West, Center and East. I will do my part to make sure that happens.

Fourth, I am going to get out and about town, meeting folks, dropping in on community gatherings and meetings and participating in events. I look forward to finding ways to connect people to the paper and the paper to people.

One more thing: I like hearing stories about people and their lives. As the new editor I want to hear the tales Greenbelters have to tell. How did folks who live here first find Greenbelt? What did it take to get here? What are the vivid memories of Greenbelt residents who have been here a long time, and the hopes and dreams of folks who have only recently arrived? I have shared a little of my story here; I'm looking forward to hearing yours.

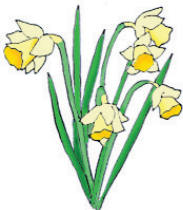


Condolences to News Review staffer Melinda Brady and her family on the death of her father earlier this month.

Thanks to renowned nature photographer and Greenbelt resident Graeme Simpson. While walking around the lake last week he noticed a great blue heron in distress. He saw that the heron was trailing a long length of fishing line, and that the hook was stuck in the heron's tongue. The heron allowed Graeme to approach and remove the hook. Graeme said that he has since seen the heron with a fish, so the heron has apparently recovered.

Congratulations to the DACA marchers on the completion of their walk from New York City to Washington. Thanks to everyone who played a role hosting them in Greenbelt, including the residents who opened their homes to the marchers, and the New Deal Café which opened its doors for a potluck supper. A big thank you to former Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Sarah Ginkold who organized the marchers' stay in Greenbelt.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



## Book Festival March 3 In College Park

The College Park Community Library and the College Park Lions Club will hold their 6th Annual Book Festival on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, which has ample free parking.

Meet and talk with authors and illustrators, including Greenbelt's own Amy Hansen. Buy books and get autographs.

The College Park Arts Exchange will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with reading and fun activities, including popsicle stick puppets and face painting. This activity is free.

## Big Band Jazz Free at UMD

The UMD Spring Big Band Showcase will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Key Theatre of The Clarice. It will feature jazz standards and premieres of pieces by UMD alumni and current jazz students.



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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
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**Worship Service 10 a.m.**  
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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor



### Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Saul Oresky Cantor Phil Greenfield

*Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM*

*Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.*  
*Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

*For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)*  
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### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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**At the Library**

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, March 6, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Kids Achieve Club. Tuesday, March 6, 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, concurrent with the English Conversation Club.)

Weekly Ready 2 Read Story-times. Tuesday, March 6, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, March 7, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, March 8, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Winter 2018 African History and Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. Black Metropolis: Great African Cities, Their Founding & Evolution will be the last session of the Winter 2018 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

French Conversation Club. Thursday, March 8, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join our club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere.

Senior Computer Club: Internet Basics II. Monday, March 12, 1:30 p.m. Building on the skills from Internet Basics I, practice using Google to find information from websites you can trust. Registration is required and space is limited to six participants. Call the branch to register at 301-345-5800.

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover. Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m. Read to Rover helps children ages 6 to 11 build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Presented every third Saturday of each month. Registration recommended; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

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# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR MARCH 5-9**

Monday, March 5 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ NRP Group-Development Proposal-Capital Office Park/ Capital Office Park** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)*

Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Recognition Group grant applications from community arts groups, selection of a representative to serve on this year's Grant Review Panel.*

Wednesday, March 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Development Proposal – Old Nursing Home/ Land Use Proposal Property Adjacent to Capital Cadillac** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*



**Spring & Summer Camp Programs**

**Registration now open!**

**Spring Camps-April 2-6**  
Fast Break Basketball Clinic at Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
Spring Camp at the Youth Center

**Summer Camps:**  
Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Camp YOGO, Performance Camp, & Camp Encore

Offer a variety of active and artistic choices for children ages 3 1/2 years to 17 years.  
Camps available June 18 through August 24

**Visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/camps](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/camps) to see our complete Camp Guide.**  
**Call 301-397-2200 for more information.**

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents:

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM**

**Mondays from March 12-April 23 from 6:30-8:00pm**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**

**Now is the time to finally quit!**  
*Free nicotine Patches and/or Nicotine Gum will be provided by the Prince George's County Health Department Behavioral Health Services Division of Prevention, Recovery & Tobacco Program.*

**To register contact Maryam Khan at 240-542-2033**

There are a few openings left for the current session of

**MON'S MORNING OUT**

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Ages 4-5: Registration # 127503-2  
M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm/Youth Center

Ages 3-4: Registration # 127503-1  
Tu/Th 9:00-12:00noon/Youth Center

Classes: will continue until May 25

The Winter/Spring session began in early January. We have a few spots available in this fun and educational preschool program. Class fees will be prorated based on student start date.

Please call 301-397-2200 for more information.

Children may register for both classes with teacher permission. Teacher: Gaye Houchens



**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.


**For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.**

THE 2018 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL

**TIME WILL TELL**

**TEENS AND TUNES IN TUGWELL TOWN**

**Greenbelt Community Center**  
Saturday, March 3, 7:00 pm  
Sunday, March 4, 3:00 pm  
Saturday March 10, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm



*A present-day teenager travels back to 1937, the year that Greenbelt was founded. When she joins the cast of the first high school musical, she learns that progress is an idea that advances with the times, while love is never out of date.*

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Tickets: \$5      Advance sales at 301-397-2208



**HOT COMPOSTING PROJECT**

City of Greenbelt neighbors are invited to join a new community “hot” composting project in Greenbelt! We’re joining a national movement of organized community-powered food scraps recycling programs with the installment of a three-bin hot-compost station at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Please contact Beth LeaMond ([bleamond@gmail.com](mailto:bleamond@gmail.com)) if you would like to find out more about this national movement.

Participating households will bring their household food scraps to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center compost station once a week, learn simple and effective methods for “hot” composting, help to run the hot compost system, and take home valuable finished compost.

**Apply to participate by filling out an application online at <https://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1>. Contact Beth LeaMond ([bleamond@gmail.com](mailto:bleamond@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about the project, or if you would prefer a paper copy of the application.**

**Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution**

At its regular meeting of February 26, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until April 7, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on April 17, 2018, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

**Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2018-1**

A Resolution of the City Of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Amend Section 2 of the Charter of the City Of Greenbelt, for the Purpose of Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City Of Greenbelt, Maryland under the Provisions of Article 23a, Section 19, of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition and Amendments), Replaced by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (2013 Edition and Amendments), by Annexing Thereto Certain Lands and Property Contiguous To and Adjoining the Existing Corporate Boundary of the City of Greenbelt, Prince George’s County, Being the Lands Of The Greenbelt Station South Core Development, Owned by the Developer NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC, Located within Berwyn District 21, Prince George’s County, Maryland, and being Part of the Land Conveyed by Alfred H. Smith to Alfred H. Smith and Harry R. Smith by Deed Dated June 10, 1987 as Recorded Among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, Maryland, in Liber 6694 Folio 858 and Containing 0.131 Acres More or Less, as More Fully Described in the Metes and Bounds Description Prepared by W. Joseph Hines of Dewberry Consultants LLC; Establishing Certain Terms, Conditions, and Circumstances Applicable to Such Land and the Owners Thereof; and all Matters Relating to the Annexation of Such 0.131 Acres of Land, More or Less, Into the City Of Greenbelt

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to annex a small portion, 0.131 acres more or less, of the property owned by NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC. This portion of property should have been included in the original Greenbelt Station South Core annexation.

For additional information, contact David Moran, Assistant City Manager, at 301-474-8000 or [dmoran@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:dmoran@greenbeltnmd.gov).

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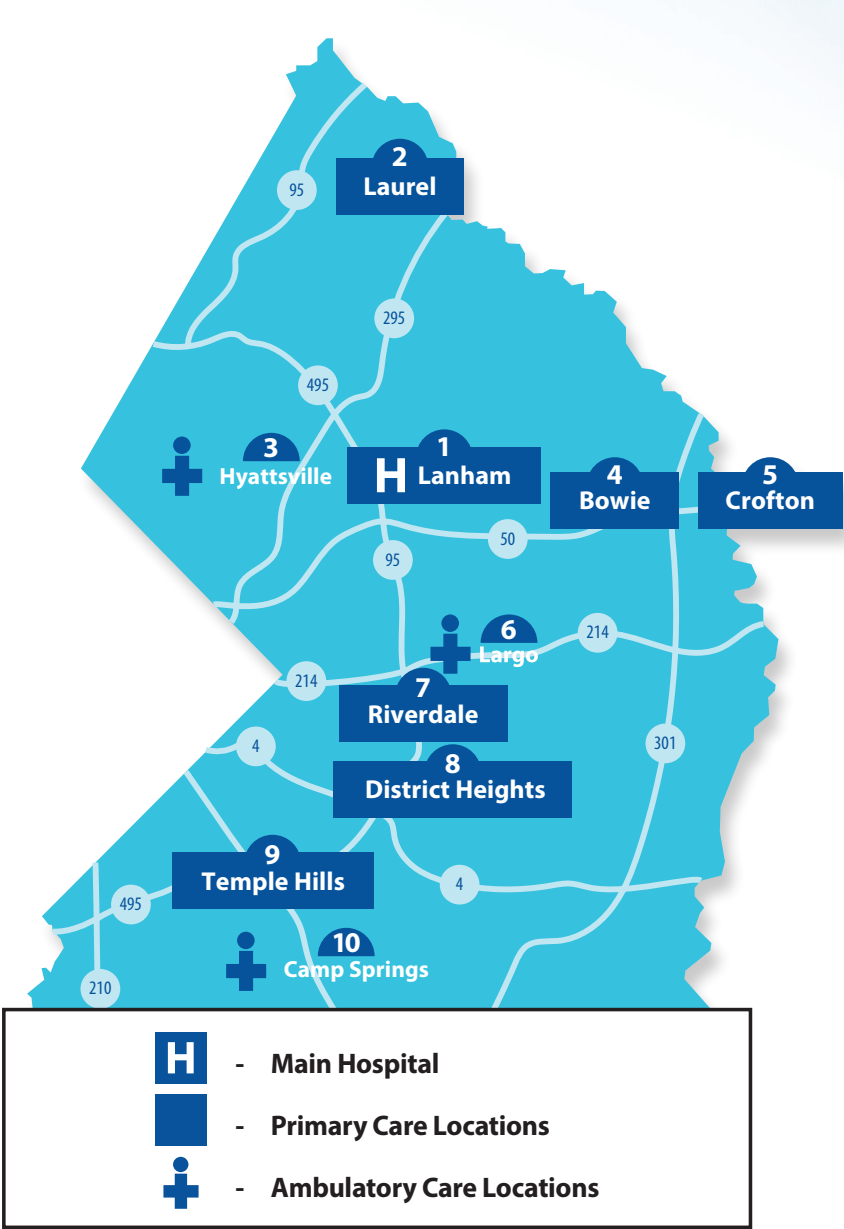




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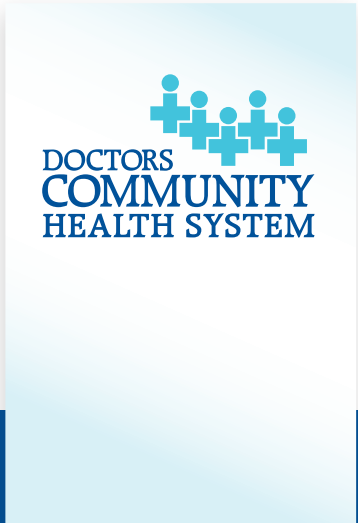
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# Conservation Corps Member Aids Greenbelt Food Forest

by Maria Herd

Maryam El-Amin is beginning her career in environmental policy at Greenbelt’s Department of Public Works.

“Where I am now is a really good place to start. Eventually, I would like to get into shaping the policy around what makes the environmental changes happen,” said the environmental science major. “That’s what I’m passionate about.”

El-Amin started working for the city in August as a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member. The program matches over 40 individuals with non-profit and governmental organizations in positions focused on improving local communities and protecting natural resources, according to a Chesapeake Bay Trust press release.

The members are between the ages of 18 and 25 and receive a stipend over the course of their year-long assignment. The goal of the program is to provide valuable job skills training and promote Maryland’s green economy, said the release.

El-Amin is a Prince George’s



PHOTO BY MARIA HERD

Maryam El-Amin

County native, but had only briefly visited Greenbelt before starting her new job.

“It’s kind of rare to find a suburban city with a small town mentality,” she said. “It’s definitely been an eye-opening experience. I haven’t found any other place like that.”

El-Amin said that her work changes day to day, but her long-term capstone project is revamping the Greenbelt Food Forest behind the Springhill Lake Com-

munity Center.

El-Amin didn’t know much about food forests when she took on the project, but she chose it as her capstone because “this looks like it needs work,” she recalled.

The food forest is a garden of edible native plants that help support the ecosystem and biodiversity while educating the community on what plants are safe to eat.

El-Amin’s first step was to remove the weeds and vines that had taken over the area and sow new plants. Next she will be inserting signage to identify the various plants.

After her year-long contract is up, El-Amin plans to go back to Prince George’s Community College and finish her degree.

For now, her goal is to learn as much as she can about how local government operates. “It’s really eye-opening,” she said. “There is always interesting stuff going on around Public Works.”

*Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

# Environmental Coordinator Joins Greenbelt Public Works

by Maria Herd

Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin is the newest team member at Greenbelt’s Department of Public Works. A self-proclaimed bug nerd, Martin has several goals to improve Greenbelt’s biodiversity and storm water management practices.

Straight out of high school, Martin went into the U.S. Air Force for six years. Then he earned an associates degree from Northern Virginia Community College, moved to Greenbelt and transferred to Towson University where he studied biology with a focus in ecology, mainly researching pollinators and native bee populations.

“I’ve got a soft spot in my heart for bees,” Martin said.

While in college Martin volunteered, interned and then worked at the Anacostia Watershed Society, a nonprofit where he focused on habitat restoration and invasive plant management. Those are two key areas of expertise that he plans to bring to his new position as environmental coordinator.

After graduation, Martin worked at a plant nursery for a year and then went back to Towson University for a master’s degree in biology with a focus in ecology. This time his research was on termites and wood rot fungi, “which is not something most people care or think about,” he said.

Martin finished his masters last December and started his new position at Public Works a few weeks later.

One of the first projects on his list is to improve habitat restoration. However, Martin said that Greenbelt has such an “unbelievable canopy tree coverage – one of the top in the country” that he has had a hard time finding public land that doesn’t already have trees. So he has decided to



PHOTO BY MARIA HERD

Jason Martin

concentrate on removing invasive plants from the understory.

But removing the invasive plants isn’t enough. “That’s only half the battle,” he said. The key is to replace the invasive plants with native plants to improve the biodiversity.

“That’s more long-term thinking. So instead of just doing invasive plant management, it’s reestablishing our native understory,” Martin said.

Martin also has ideas to manage litter long term. Contingent on funding and approval, he would like to install litter traps in the waterways that would collect it in one place.

“That way it’s a little easier. You’re collecting more trash in a shorter amount of time,” he said.

His other green infrastructure ideas include installing green roofs; expanding rain gardens, rain catchment systems and bio-retention – a rain water filtering process.

According to Martin there are already numerous buildings in Greenbelt with rain catchment systems, but he would like to encourage more residents to participate in financial incentive programs to install them on their

homes.

In addition to long-term environmental projects, Martin’s job is to coordinate with the community. This includes nonprofits, citizen groups like the Friends of Greenbelt Forest and city boards like the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

He plans environmentally oriented volunteer events such as the recent project at Greenbelt Lake to install beaver cages around the base of large trees to prevent beavers from chewing down the trees, potentially creating a safety hazard. The volunteers left the smaller trees for beavers to chew.

“We’re happy, they’re happy, everybody is happy,” Martin said.

In addition to volunteer events, Martin is planning educational workshops for residents on topics like composting, pollinator gardens and rain gardens.

“Pollinators are like my baby project. I want to get way more installed if I can,” Martin said. “That’s something I’m always working on.”

He is also in charge of inspecting city properties to make sure that stormwater prevention mechanisms are functioning properly, “so that way when we have inspections we pass with flying colors.”

Besides fishing at Greenbelt Lake, Martin’s favorite local nature spot is a mossy patch on Blueberry Ridge in the North Woods that looks out on a grove of mountain laurel.

“They’re early bloomers so that means spring time is coming, things are coming to life,” he said.

*Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

# 80th Anniversary Youth Musical Celebrates Greenbelt’s 80th Anniversary

by Christopher Cherry



PHOTO BY OLIVIA GUERRIERI

Sally Jones (played by Elta Goldstein) is hoping for a phone call. In January of 1938, less than half of the homes in Greenbelt had telephones.

The 2018 Greenbelt Youth Musical, *Time Will Tell*, opens on Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m. (already sold out) at the Community Center. The funny and nostalgic show, in keeping with the city’s 80th anniversary, features hit songs from Greenbelt’s first year, which was a peak time for American popular music.

Subtitled *Teens and Tunes in Tugwell Town*, the story concerns a present-day Greenbelt teenager who travels back to 1937 and joins the cast of the high school musical. She falls in love with her leading man, who considers himself a good New Deal progressive but is taken aback by her even more progressive, modern ideas about gender equality.

The show features a performance of the Big Apple, the dance craze that swept the nation in late 1937, reaching even the White House. Also showcased is a version of a work created by dance pioneer Ted Shawn, who toured the country in the 1930s with his Men Dancers, seeking to convince the American public that dance could be a masculine art.

At intermission, playgoers will hear recordings by the famous 1930s all-women band, Ina Ray Hutton and Her Melodears. Audience members will also enjoy perusing an exhibit highlighting the history of Greenbelt High School, as well as other historical topics connected with the play.

The show runs over two weekends, with a matinee performance Sunday, March 4 (already sold out) and two shows next Saturday, March 10, at 2 and 7 p.m. Advance purchase is strongly recommended. Contact the Community Center’s business office at 301-397-2208 or stop by to purchase tickets.



## Greenbelt Youth Baseball

### 2018 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child’s Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

**Saturday, February 10, 17, 24, Wed 28 and Saturday March 3**  
Registration will be held at the following locations and times  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center

**Online** Registration will be open Saturday, February 10 @ [greenbeltyouthbaseball.siplay.com](http://greenbeltyouthbaseball.siplay.com)

**DRAFT DAY**  
**Friday, March 9, 2018 - 6:00 PM Braden Field #2**  
(for those who can't make Saturday)

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**  
10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)  
(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 17, 2018 same time and location)  
\*Major League Players Only\*  
(Registration will also be available before the draft)

**For more information please contact:**  
**Commissioner - Brian Bailey 301-395-1547 or**  
**at [greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com)**

We are looking for Commissioners, Coaches, and Volunteers. For more information please email us at [greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com)



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students also volunteered their ideas, to Deleveaux’s delight.

At Booz Allen Hamilton, Deleveaux leads the company’s Science and Technology practice. She completed a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in industrial and manufacturing engineering, a master of science in engineering science from Harvard University and a bachelor of science from Georgia Institute of Technology in industrial and systems engineering.

She relayed her humble upbringing to the students, explaining that she was born on Crooked Island, Bahamas, an island with a population of 350, which at the time of her birth did not have electricity. She used the island’s blue holes (deep sinkholes that have filled in with water) to give the students context about her home and how she was brought up.

The important message Deleveaux normally likes to relay to her audience is the amount of work behind each achievement

and degree that she has completed. She claims she used to feel at a disadvantage during her studies, but did not let anything discourage her. The hours staying up late to do a single problem while at Georgia Tech taught her she could do anything she put her mind to, even if it took her longer than others initially.

For Deleveaux, these talks are “always about empowering.” The most important aspect is to inspire the students and to help them understand the value of making mistakes. She has worked hard throughout her career to have the right mindset as she has progressed through her studies and work. Kids should learn, according to Deleveaux, to have the expectation of mistakes, because she knows she hardly gets things done on the first try. She wonders out loud, “Who does?”

*Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student and a Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.*



Velma Deleveaux speaks to Greenbelt Middle School students about their potential as the world’s next generation of problem solvers.



At the New Deal

Sunday, March 4, 7 to 9 p.m., The Petrified Pickers, an off-the-cuff evening of bluegrass and country classics with some of the area’s finest pickers.

Monday, March 5, 7 to 9 p.m., Family Meeting, financial management ideas for families.

Tuesday, March 6, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 7 to 9 p.m., The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers, featuring new songs, old songs and special guests.

Wednesday, March 7, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Misbehavin’ Maidens, lewd lyrical lasses with tight chorals and loose morals. A mixed a capella/folk band composed of four women with a love of sex-positive music, parodies, drinking and fandom references for the adult crowd. Parental discretion is advised.

Thursday, March 8, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with James & Martha.

Friday, March 9, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Wharf Rats, shakin’ psychedelic jam band playing tasty originals, Grateful Dead, Floyd, Cash, Isaak, Feat, Jerry, Morrison, Tucker and groovalicious classics at every show.

Saturday, March 10, 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Roustabouts, an original, upbeat take on the blues that wanders into the worlds of funk, R&B and rock with the fiddle as the x-factor.

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the Maryland Energy Administration, which would be used for one of the roof components of the Recreation Center, and staff has recommended funding the other roof segment from the capital project monies. John Lippert and Steven Skolnik, chairs respectively of GreenACES and the Solar Task Force, both praised the project and encouraged the city council to enable work on both parts of the roof.

**Mechanical Street Sweeper**

Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton make up the Four Cities Coalition, which runs what has been a successful and award-winning shared street sweeper program. Over the years it has evolved that Greenbelt provides the driver and manages the program, with costs shared proportionately by the facilities. This year a decision was made to purchase a mechanical sweeper to replace the existing regenerative air sweeper.

A second change that will require modifying the original agreement involves a recalculation of the payments of each city toward the purchase. The purchase cost of the original equipment was split four ways, but it has now been agreed to re-apportion the purchase payments in the same fashion in which maintenance costs are handled. College Park will pay 46 percent, Greenbelt 23 percent, New Carrollton, 21 percent and Berwyn Heights 10 percent. Greenbelt had budgeted up to \$71,000 for the purchase, but its share will be only \$58,027.

Council unanimously supported the purchase of the Dulevo 6000 mechanical sweeper. The city will buy it from Bortek Industries of Mechanicsburg, Penn.,

on a master purchase order of the City and County of Denver at a total cost of \$252,290.

**FPAB Report on Maglev**

The city council had high praise for a report from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) on the potential impacts of the proposed superconducting maglev train on the area of the Preserve, as well as on the policies and legal protections that are in place to prohibit that interference. Valerie Elliott, chair of FPAB, and Jason Martin, the city’s environmental coordinator, addressed some of the issues affecting the forest itself, wildlife, a wetlands area and other concerns.

Since councilmembers regretted not having had this report when they sent letters to various officials about the city’s position on maglev, they decided a replay was in order and directed that the board’s comments be sent to the same recipients. The report is now posted on the section of the city website where maglev materials are being collected, which can be reached through a link on the homepage at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).

**Greenbelt Connection**

Councilmember Colin Byrd added an item to the agenda and made a motion that the city write to County Councilmember Todd Turner requesting funding toward a replacement for a Greenbelt Connection bus. Greenbelt is currently using a bus on loan from Berwyn Heights. According to Assistant City Manager David Moran, the city was not even able to claim the insurance money from the damaged bus since it was still technically owned by the county.

Public Works Director James Sterling noted that many municipalities in the county were

concerned about the drop in funding available from the county for buses used mostly for seniors. The city has written about this before, but council voted to do so again and to raise the matter again at its mid-session legislative dinner with its state and county delegation.

**Reclassification**

At the request of Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park, the council agreed to a proposed reclassification of a position in the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program that will permit more efficient use of staff time. The reclassified position will be for a bilingual (English and Spanish) community outreach coordinator to oversee all the community wellness and support programs offered by GAIL. No reduction of services to senior clients will result from the change.

**Consent Agenda**

An action taken on the consent agenda, for which the staff recommendation is accepted without council discussion, included an award of purchase for the city’s street and miscellaneous concrete work for the current fiscal year. The capital projects budget includes \$51,000 for these two items. Using a piggyback on two Prince George’s County contracts, the funds will be awarded to VMP Construction of Lanham and NZI Construction of Beltsville, both of which have undertaken work for the city in the past.

Three residents were appointed to new terms on the council advisory groups on which they have been serving: Katherine McElhenny, Advisory Committee on Education; Jane Young, GreenACES; and David West, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Theft

February 15, 6:02 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A man walked by a woman, grabbed the cell phone from her hand and fled on foot.

February 15, 8 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

February 16, 2:25 p.m., 1 Court Hamilton Place. Copper gutters were removed from a residence.

February 16, 7:41 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A man agreed to sell a cell phone over a social media website and arranged to meet the buyer. When the seller got to the designated location, two men approached him, one grabbed the cell phone and both fled.

February 17, 4:07 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from the counter at Heaven's Bakery. A credit card in the purse was later used to make an unauthorized purchase.

February 19, 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man agreed to sell a cell phone over a social media website and arranged to meet the buyer. Two men approached the seller as he sat in his vehicle and one of them got in the passenger seat, grabbed the phone and fled on foot along with the other man.

### Trespass

February 21, 12:54 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 22-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

February 19, 1:59 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive. A brick was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

### Vehicle Crime

Three thefts from vehicles were reported. An identification card was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block

Greenbelt Road and an electronic utility locator was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 7700 block Lakecrest Drive. Two tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

An attempted theft from a vehicle occurred in the 9200 block Edmonston Road. A man in his residence heard a noise outside and observed two people by his truck. They fled and it was discovered that they attempted to take a metal-bending machine from the truck.

Eight vehicles were vandalized. Tires on two vehicles in the 6100 block Breezewood Court and two in the 7200 block Morrison Drive were slashed, as were three in the 7300 block Morrison Drive. The windshield of one of those was also spray-painted.

A man reported that his vehicle in the 6000 block Springhill Drive was vandalized by a person known to him during a verbal argument. He was advised to obtain warrants.

## Safer Internet Selling/Buying

This week's police blotter describes two thefts that might not have occurred if the parties involved had met in a different location to finalize their sales. In each instance, the buyer grabbed the phone from the seller without paying and fled.

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds and invites the public to use the police station as a safe place for completion of legal online transactions. Meeting there might also deter those persons planning to carry out possible scams. Sellers and buyers can meet in the station's lobby or just outside to finalize transactions. The lobby, which also has an electric outlet for testing devices, is open and available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Greenbelt Police Station is located at 550 Crescent Road. For more information contact George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff removed a snake from a resident's home, picked up one dog running loose and returned it to its owner, and investigated two separate dog bite incidents. One cat was surrendered and three cats and one dog were adopted.

### Public Works

Public Works crew met with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board about a proposal for the city to enter into the Maryland Department of Agriculture adult mosquito monitoring and control program. Staff also met with consultants and Public Works staff to discuss a proposed county Clean Water Partnership project at Greenbrook Lake.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew lowered the state and Greenbelt flags in honor of slain Prince George's County Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin.

Building Maintenance crew installed outlets for Zero Waste for composting at the New Deal Café.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crew collected 22.26 tons of refuse and 13.78 tons of recyclable material and led the beaver caging volunteer event on Presidents Day. They also reviewed Zero Waste information for the theater and produced signs to be used at the recycling station.

### Recreation

Recreation staff reports that the Spring 2018 Activity Guide is available online and printed guides are available in city buildings.

Community Center staff reports that tickets are now on sale for the Winter Youth Musical, Time Will Tell, and that the Community Center building hosted an American Red Cross blood drive.

Arts staff reports production work and rehearsals for the Youth Musical. Twenty teens and adults are creating costumes, sets and props representing Greenbelt in 1937.

Therapeutic Recreation staff reports that 25 seniors went on a Globetrotting trip to the National Museum of the American Indian.

### CARES

Teresa Smithson gave a presentation to the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting on February 6 on Opioid Overdose Prevention and Overdose Response with naloxone.

J. Rose Marghi, RN, LCMFT, completed an eight-week grief group for Eleanor Roosevelt High School students.



## Officials Are Addressing Student Altercation Incidents

by Gary Childs



PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

Police cars park near 10 Court Southway on February 21 during a response to reports of shots fired.

On Wednesday, February 21, Greenbelt Police received multiple reports of shots fired in the 100 block of Westway. According to Police Public Information Liaison George Mathews, the incident was related to a fight the day before, also in the 100 block of Westway, between students enrolled in Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and DuVal High School. The police had been called in and broke up the February 20 altercation.

The next day, a group of students from both high schools again gathered in the same location. At one point a group of students surrounded a parked car with students of the other school. A student in the car fired a gun into the air to disperse the surrounding students. As soon as the way

was clear, the car drove away.

Police were also called to 10 Court Southway, since many of the students fleeing from Westway had run in that direction. An officer on the scene said police had been sent to that location subsequent to the reports of gunshots and fleeing students. Mathews said that there were no injuries and police had made no arrests.

ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill sent a note to parents on February 23 to reassure everyone that there had been no shooting at the school.

Mathews said that police were still investigating the incident and were working closely with school administrators to address the issue. He indicated that police did not see this incident as part of a trend.

## Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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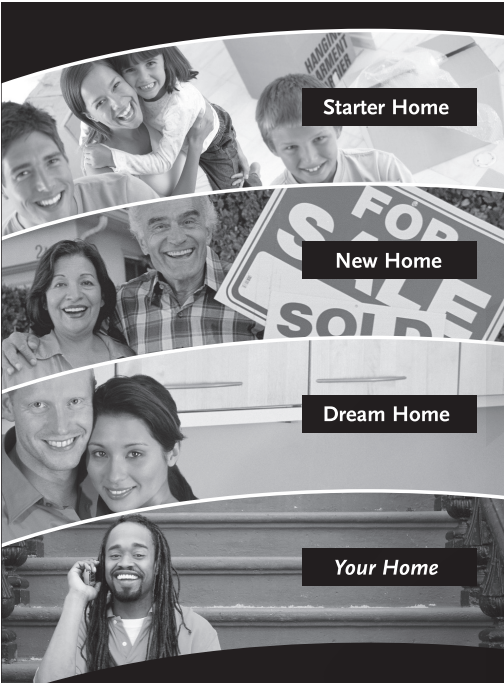
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by the community’s generosity. One marcher, Hector-Jairo Martinez, said, “You can tell a community by how they receive you.” Martinez continued, “There was this bright smile and she greeted me with a warm hug and said, ‘Welcome.’”

Fernanda Madrigal of San Diego, Calif., another walker, said the welcoming and generosity of Greenbelt and similar communities “is what has allowed us to keep going. We have been fed by our community, housed by our community and people have opened their houses to us.” Madrigal said they are marching because “we wanted to tell our stories. We shared our fears, what we have gone through, the

sacrifices our families have gone through. Because being undocumented is not easy.”

When asked about why she decided to host some of the marchers, Greenbelter Ann Dunne said, “It was a delight to finally be able to do something. I see the angst but it was wonderful to meet them, be inspired by them and help them along the way.” Dunne said she was “touched by the kindness the group had for one another and by the stories they were sharing.”

The march is over but Greenbelters can still help this group by sharing their stories and social media posts, giving donations and getting involved at theseedproject.us.



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# GHI Members Approve Contracts for Renovation

by Jennifer Moser Jurling

On February 8, members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) gathered at the American Legion building and approved several contracts for work to be done in GHI. The board had to call a special meeting because multi-year contracts above a certain monetary threshold must be approved by a quorum of the membership. All motions were approved with no amendments.

The first motion was the removal of asbestos debris and contaminated material from the crawlspaces of GHI frame homes, which was discovered in early 2017. The lowest bidder, ACM Services, Inc., bid \$1,588,520 plus 10 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$1,747,372. In addition, the board sought bids from three industrial hygiene companies to monitor the removal activity for safety. Arc Environmental, Inc. bid \$205,962 plus 10 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$226,558. This bid was \$14,687 higher than the lowest bidder, but the board chose Arc due to its professionalism and references.

A member asked whether this work will mean that Verizon employees are again willing to perform work in frame crawlspaces. GHI President Steve Skolnik said that the board hopes so.

GHI Treasurer Chuck Hess explained that the board has decided to recoup the costs by adding small sums to the co-op fees of frame-owning members only, over the next 12 years. (Likewise, the costs for asbestos removal from masonry units were borne only by masonry-owning members.)

This begins in 2018 with \$5 per frame-owning member per month. Sums will increase in following years. The cost-recouping method was not up for a vote.

The board hopes that the asbestos removal activity will reduce the cost of the crawlspace renovations which were planned as part of HIP, the Homes Improvement Project.

The next motions were the approval of HIP contractors for 2018-2020. The board chose to contract the same firms for all three remaining years so that the costs can be reduced due to economies of scale, and so that the contractors will have greater familiarity with GHI homes. Skolnik said that GHI will be able to break the contract(s) if the first year's work is of inadequate quality.

Acadia Windows and Doors, LLC, will install windows, doors and siding. They were the HIP contractors in 2016 but not 2017. The board has confidence in their work.

Bestway Electric will install new electric baseboard heaters, plus optional electrical items. They worked on HIP in 2016 and 2017. Skolnik said GHI's experience with them was "astonishingly positive."

Capps Mechanical will install optional mini-split heat pump units. The company provided the 2016 and 2017 contractors. Skolnik called their work "excellent."

Green Step will install attic insulation and air sealing in frame and brick units. They were the contractor in 2017, and GHI heard good reports of their work.

# New Mural Encourages Peace, Calm and The Roosevelt Way

by Melissa Sites



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A flower design is planned for a new mural at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Student artists at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) are painting a new mural to help alleviate student stress and anxiety. The mural will be centrally positioned near the stairwell landing to the right of the main entrance. The design features cheerful, stylized flowers along with the school's motto: The Roosevelt Way: responsibility, integrity, respect and kindness.

The atmosphere of peace and calm portrayed in the mural is important this year, since teachers have reported more stress among the student body. The goal is to make the school more attractive to help compensate for the fact that the school has no windows. Other projects are planned for the school, including additional murals and plantings.

The idea for the mural was initially developed by junior Sophia Dada for an AP Language project. Dada says that her English teacher, Brendan Holleran, "challenged us to improve our community, home or school in some way and I thought of a mural. If the school looked more inviting, students would be more excited to come and learn." Dada's idea coincided with plans being developed by the Roosevelt Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to combat student stress by improving the school environment.

The mural is projected to be completed by the second week of March, with the help of art teachers, students and community members, who have helped by donating supplies to the project.

English teacher Patrick Gleason spoke on student stress at the January PTSA meeting. He says that teachers, counselors and students themselves have been increasingly concerned about high stress, anxiety and panic attacks. According to Gleason, students "don't always understand that what they're doing is sufficient to get into good schools" because students at Roosevelt have

very high expectations of themselves. Part of the goal of filling the school with art is to "do small things around the school to change the atmosphere and get into a more positive mindset," Gleason says, adding that "most kids who go to college come back to say that they felt really well prepared by Roosevelt."

Because the ERHS building doesn't have windows, the building can seem dark or uninviting, due to the plain block walls. The mural project "brings the outside inside," according to art teacher Christine Wilkin, adding that the artwork "will bring a new sense of life into the building and make a more relaxed environment." After this mural, the art department hopes to continue decorating the inside of the school. "If we really do continue with this project throughout the next several years the whole school could be filled with art," Wilkin

declares.

Another proposed project is to beautify ERHS grounds with new plantings. Principal Reginald McNeill says that plans are being made to erect a small greenhouse outside the auditorium facing Greenbelt Road. For McNeill, these projects are part of ongoing efforts to provide quality education for students and support them as they try to reach their goals, while helping students build a manageable work/life balance.

Murals currently featured on the outside walls of the temporary classroom buildings already enliven the Roosevelt campus. Former ERHS teacher Kelly Holland led Art 2 students to design and paint these murals with ecological themes about the Chesapeake Bay with help from the Neighborhood Design Center, a non-profit with headquarters in Hyattsville and Baltimore.



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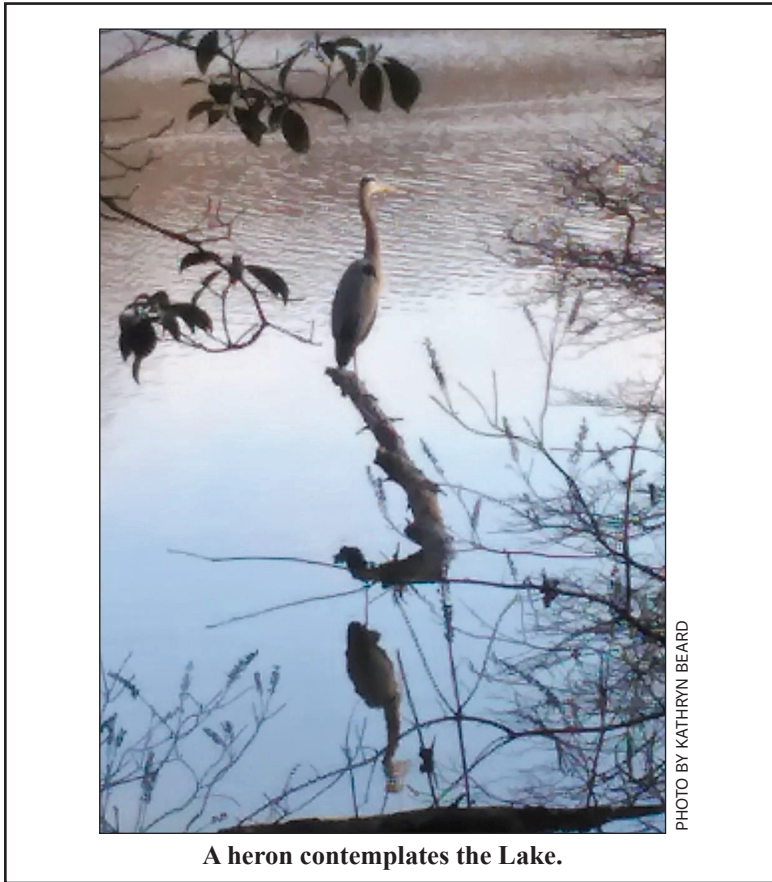


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